

Washington, Feb. 1.
The court room that a few years ago heard the decision that a negro has no right which a white man is bound to respect to-day, witnessed the admission of a negro as a counsel for the defense.

Senator Sumner brought him in, and moved his admission. The Chief Justice quietly assented, and directed the Clerk to administer the oaths. The negro, in a quiet, dignified manner, recited the practical reversal of the Dred Scott decision by the same tribunal that had pronounced it was over in the same manner.

John C. Calhoun, of South Carolina, and Grier, who united in rendering the Dred Scott decision, were on the bench, but made no objection. He was a practical lawyer in the Supreme Court of Massachusetts.

New York, Feb. 2.
The Herald's Southern correspondent, on the 28th ult., restates the statement made by the Union men of Georgia having held meetings, organized association for their mutual protection, and for the defense of their state, and marked no one but himself is responsible for it.

Charleston, Jan. 28.—The enemy's infantry are said to have been "cross roads" on the road leading to Fort Sumter. The rebels are wagon-trains with them. A reconnaissance in force was reported within four miles of Robert's Hill, and the rebels were reported to be at the enemy's camp at Springfield, the night of the 28th and moved northward in two columns. He also reports that all attempts to cross the Combahee have been baffled.

New York, Feb. 2.
A despatch from Annapolis says: President Lincoln, accompanied by only a servant, arrived here, and left at 1 o'clock for Fortress Monroe.

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The Richmond Dispatch of Tuesdays has the following:—Sister, Stephen, Hunter, and Col. G. W. Campbell, commissioners who left here on Sunday morning for Washington, whence stopped on Sunday night in Petersburg, whence went through the lines to City Point yesterday, and are said to have been received with great courtesy. They are to be with the President on Saturday, and are to be present at the trials of the rebels at Fort Monroe.

The distribution of the supplies of food and clothing to the rebels of this city and Boston was being proceeded with.

A meeting to express the thanks of the people of Boston for their welcome gifts was held on the 28th ult. The meeting was adjourned. Additions were made by the Mayor and others, and appropriate resolutions were adopted.

New York, Feb. 2.
A rebel despatch, dated Charleston, Jan. 28th, says about 400 battle-cotton were captured by the Custom-house wharf at that place, and two car loads four miles from town, and that the burning of the cotton was the commencement of carrying out the reported rebel design, to destroy all the staple in the vicinity.

In connection with the announcement of the departure of their peace agents for the North, the Richmond journal gives it as rumor that the British and French governments had arrived in Richmond, and that the rumor could be traced to no authentic source.

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The Herald's Smithville, N. C., correspondent of the 28th says: In the blowing up of Fort Caswell the rebels completely destroyed the river fort, but did not burn it, and when it was set fire to, and its cartridges destroyed.

At Smithville, a small place on the west side of Caswell, some ten miles below Fort Fisher, the rebels, after a fierce engagement, captured large supplies of commissary stores, tobacco, and other valuable property. There were about 1000 rebels in and around nearly all the forts.

A Petersburg despatch in the Richmond paper says: There was heavy firing between the Union and Confederates on James river last Sunday forenoon.

The Herald's Eastport correspondent, of Jan. 28, says: Mr. Davis, the Minister of War, showed the main portion of Hood's force was, on the 20th ult., at Tampa, Fla.

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New York, Feb. 2.
The Herald's Washington special light says: The President's departure was long awaited in high circles to-day as giving the peace commission rumors very serious tone.

The majority of the Southerners, and especially the born Southerners, but many of them of high standing at home and owners of property, who have no knowledge of their independence they are in favor of it.

The impression is hourly growing stronger that these informal negotiations are paving the way for peace.

Another special to the World says that it is rumored that Mr. Lincoln has gone to confer with Jeff Davis in person.

New York, Feb. 2.
The Richmond Dispatch (Davis's organ) has an article which holds up the view that independence is the main thing which drew the peace commissioners to their object of conciliation.

The Herald's Washington special light says: The President's departure also denotes reorganization of the government, and will be represented in Congress, but Tennessee, Arkansas, and Louisiana are in the process of reorganizing their State governments, and will soon be represented in Congress as equal members of the Union. We may therefore sum up the loyal States as follows:

1. Arkansas.
2. California.
3. Colorado.
4. Delaware.
5. Florida.
6. Indiana.
7. Kansas.
8. Kentucky.
9. Louisiana.
10. Maine.
11. Massachusetts.
12. Michigan.
13. Minnesota.
14. Missouri.
15. New Hampshire.
16. New Jersey.
17. New Mexico.
18. New York.
19. North Carolina.
20. North Dakota.
21. Ohio.
22. Oregon.
23. Pennsylvania.
24. Rhode Island.
25. South Carolina.
26. Tennessee.
27. Texas.
28. Virginia.
29. West Virginia.

The rebel states are as follows:

1. Alabama.
2. Florida.
3. Georgia.
4. Louisiana.
5. Mississippi.
6. North Carolina.
7. North Dakota.
8. South Carolina.
9. Texas.
10. Virginia.

It is seen from the above that the loyal States are sufficient in number to ratify the amendment in the mode provided by the Constitution.

In Kentucky and Delaware only will the amendment be disputed by any formidable opposition; but as every region where the national soldiers are stationed, are constantly on the way back, nothing is known of the result of the conference.

The Times correspondent, Major-General Gilmore, is in the field, and will be present to-day, having been sent up to review the retreat of the rebels.

The rebels were co-operating with the army under General Sherman, and the movements of our troops were reported in the article from the Boston paper, and the rebels are but rapidly advancing against Charleston.

The latest intelligence from the army report that the rebels were still from miles from Charleston.

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